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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Near East Division
SUBJECT : H-43B/Mi-4 Helicopter Comparison

1. Attached is a report concerning the H-43B and Mi-4 helicopter. It appears that there is no definite data on the actual performance characteristics of the Mi-4 that make it possible to completely compare its performance figures against the H-43B. However, after wading through the various comparisons and discussing it with my technician, it appears that neither aircraft is particularly suited for operations at the higher altitudes (14,000 feet). If our position is to prove the U. S. has a superior helicopter from the facts we have now, this does not appear to be the grounds under which we should take on that task.

2. As you will note from these figures neither helicopter has a wide advantage over the other. We will continue to research this problem, but knowing that Mr. Bissell is probably expecting an answer from us shortly, this is the best available information we have been able to come up with to date.

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Attachment

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